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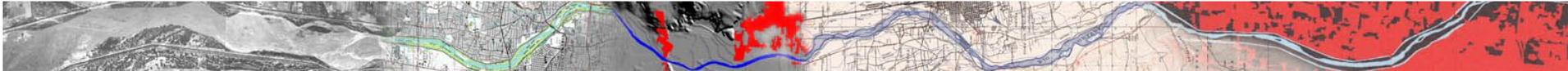
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Our Story: Mine data at the reach-, regional-, and continental-scale; collect; and process riverine and reservoir data.

Leverage ground-based platforms including USGS streamgaging and stage-only stations, surface-water velocity radars, and hydroacoustic sites to support hydrodynamic models

*Calibration and validation of SWOT and AirSWOT data:
water surface elevations and derivatives:
velocity, slope, streamflow, and reservoir storage.*

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Objectives and Approach

Scale

Reach-scale that coincides with SWOT elevation postings and conceptualized as a CV, where energy is dissipated and hydraulic variables are averaged.

Data Mining and Analysis

7,500 USGS gaging stations

- Stage and discharge
- Stage-only
- Index sites

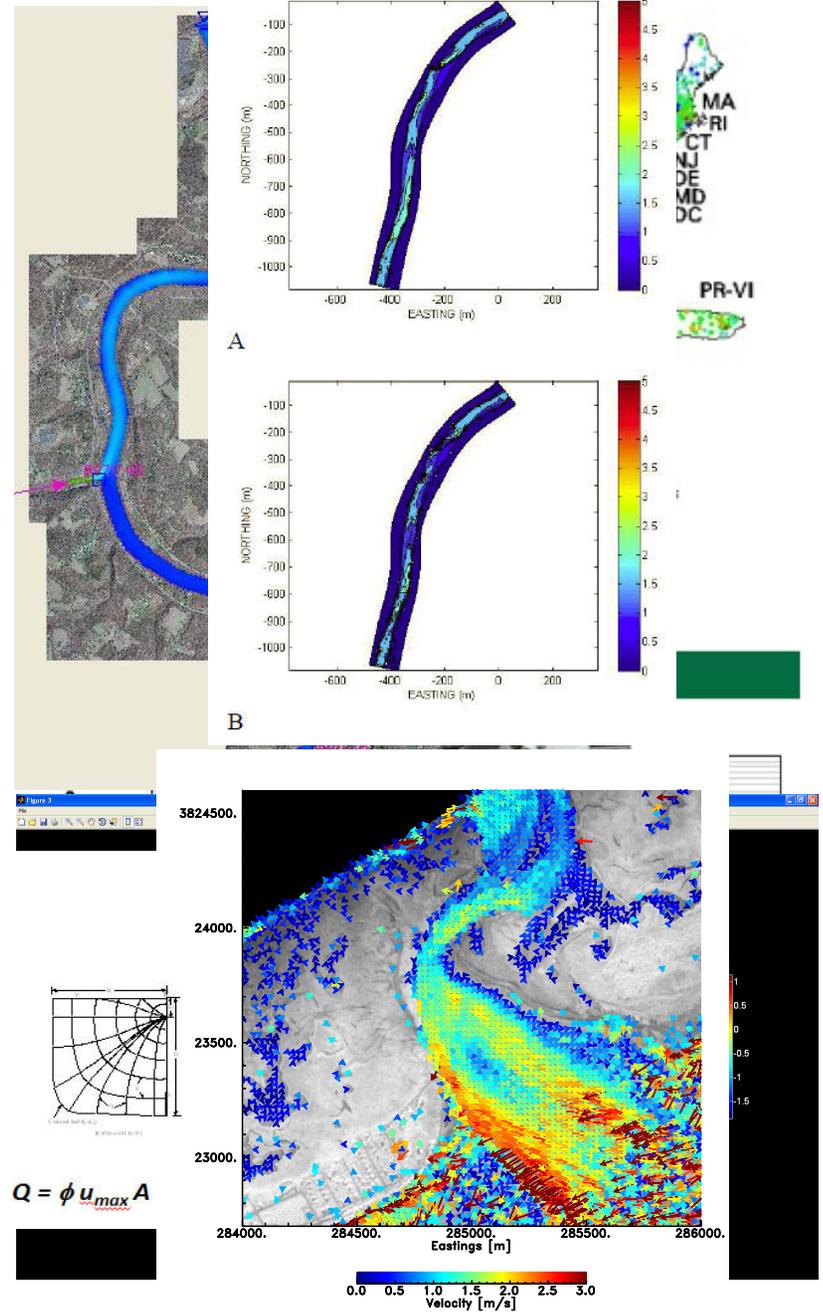
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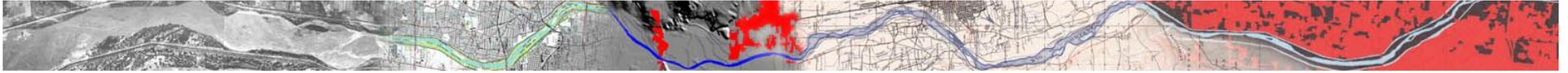
- Surface-water, mean velocity
- Information Entropy
- Most probable state - robust variables for different settings
- Inversion modeling to generate

Calibration and Validation

Measure parameters that aid forecasts by reducing uncertainty

- Velocity
- Surface water elevation and stage
- Streamflow
- Bathymetry





Phase-A SWOT Issues

NAWQA, ADAPS, Hydroacoustic and NWIS dBs.

Width, depth, velocity, streamflow, surface slope and Manning's n

ADCPs provide the cross-sectional depth and velocity field at varying discharges at specific cross-sections.

Bankfull hydraulic data sets obtained from the literature including width, depth, velocity and in some cases reach-average water surface slope and meander length.

Reach specific studies and data collection efforts

Ohio River, Mississippi River, Sacramento River, Connecticut River

Radar sites – using bridge and airborne deployments.

Analysis and modeling of data, characterization of hydraulic relations, field collection and modeling of unique comparative and calibration data sets.

Error analysis